

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: YAJIMA, Taro, et al.

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For: VACUUM APPARATUS AND VACUUM PROCESSING METHOD (AS AMENDED)

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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November 28, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 28, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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